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NLRB Service to Workers Stymied

The Eisenhower Administration's labor policy forced a new breakdown in services to the Nation's workers when the White House failed to fill the office of general counsel for the National Labor Relations Board.

With the office vacant, no complaints can be issued against employers engaging in unfair labor practices against their employes, nor can any injunctions be sought to halt such offenses.

The vacancy occurred when the term of George C. Bott of Chicago expired on Dec. 20 without a successor qualified.

NEW HURDLES FOR LABOR

It came four days after the expiration of the term of Albert C. Beeson, antiunion employer member of the five-man NLRB.

Beeson, who advised President Eisenhower that he would not be a candidate for a five-year term, left office after casting the deciding vote in several 3-2 NLRB decisions that upset long-established labor board practices and put new hurdles in the way of labor organizations.

Beeson, who had won Senate confirmation for a short unexpired term by 45-42, announced after the Democratic victory in the November elections that he would not seek reappointment.

In one of his last decisions, he joined his fellow Eisenhower appointees, Chairman Guy Farmer and Philip Ray Rogers, to deny reinstatement and back pay for strikers who the board ruled were unfairly fired by management. The strikers were members of the AFL International Ladies' Garment Workers Union and employed by B.V.D., garment manufacturer, at Pascagoula, Miss.

CLOSE EXAMINATION

Beeson also voted with the majority to overturn the three-year-old NLRB policy under which unions could still obtain recognition, even though they lost a representation election, if the employer was guilty of unfair labor practices.

Any successor named for Beeson will be subject to close examination by Chairman Lister B. Hill and the Democratic majority of the Senate Labor and Education Committee in the new Democratic-controlled Senate.

The same close scrutiny will be given the Eisenhower choice for NLRB general counsel. The White House had nominated Theophil C. Kammholz, of Chicago, an attorney for several large corporations, during the Senate's recent special session but no action was taken.

Kammholz indicated that he is unwilling to give up his present position until and unless he is confirmed for the post.

Even though there is no general counsel, unions can continue to file unfair labor charges and should do so promptly to get them in within six months of their occurrence. Action will be taken and complaints issued when a new general counsel is qualified, which it appears now will be some months in the future.

The NLRB will designate an agent in the general counsel's office to continue to conduct NLRB representation elections.

GOP Dishonesty Seen as Downfall

Washington. — The Republican Party's failure to produce on its glittering promises will aid the Democrats to make a clean sweep of the 1956 elections.

That's the view of Sen. John J. Sparkman (D., Ala.), vice-presidential candidate in 1952. He told a local Democratic group that the GOP has failed to produce on a balanced budget, foreign policy, a sound dollar, reducing government spending and lowering prices.

On this basis the Republicans will be the best asset the Democrats can bring into the 1956 campaign, said Sparkman.

MONTEREY CLC CANCELS MEET UNTIL JAN. 4

Last week's meeting of the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council was called off at the last minute after delegates advised they could not attend because of the Christmas week activities.

Council Secretary Sonyja du Gardyn said there were a number of matters requiring council attention, including two requests for strike sanction, and these have been referred to the next council meeting Jan. 4, 1955. All delegates are urged to attend the next session.

Salinas Labor to Host Labor Attorney Jan. 28

A special dinner meeting is being arranged by the Monterey County Central Labor Union at Salinas on Friday night, Jan. 28, to hear Attorney Howard McGee, noted compensation insurance legal expert, according to Secretary A. J. Clark of the labor council.

Clark said delegates to the Monterey County Building Trades Council and to the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council are being invited to attend the dinner meeting also, to hear the attorney explain compensation laws and problems.

Full details of the dinner will be announced later, Clark said. Arrangements are being made also for another speaker, to discuss state disability insurance matters.

A committee of John F. Mattos, of Laborers Union 272; Harvey Baldwin, of Carpenters Union 925, and Virgil Knight, of Culinary-Bartenders Union 355, was named by the Salinas council to arrange time, place and other details for the dinner meeting.

Business at last week's Salinas council meeting included several important matters, Secretary Clark reported:

Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of Carpenters Union 925 of Salinas, disclosed that he has been appointed by county supervisors as a member of the Water Control Committee for the Naciemento Dam project.

Former President R. A. Wood advised the council that he had attended a meeting of the King City Chamber of Commerce as a representative of the board of directors of the Monterey County Industrial Development Committee.

Sugar Refinery Workers Union 20616 announced that work has been good, with a crew of 250 held over past the usual end of the season.

SALINAS LOCAL OF MACHINISTS PICKS OFFICERS

New officers have been elected by Salinas Lodge 1824, Mechanics and Machinists, according to Earl Choate, business representative.

Election results were as follows:

President—Alex Day.

Vice President—Fred Neal.

Recording Secretary—C. C. Stover.

Financial Secretary — Ed McLean.

Treasurer—A. J. Cooper.

Conductor—Jim Cann.

Sentinel—C. D. Magoon.

Trustee—Manuel Nunes.

Executive Board — C. Waldron, Ed Balcerzak, John Bowerman, Les Williams, Wayne Purcell, Eugene Corn, E. B. Sawyers.

Delegates to District Lodge—Les Parker, Wayne Purcell.

Jobless Claims Up 10,800 in Early December

Washington. — Claims of unemployed workers for jobless insurance increased early this month, the Labor Department reported. New claims for compensation — a barometer of layoffs—rose by 10,800 to 312,400 in the week ending December 11, the latest date for which figures are available. This compared with 335,329 in the like 1953 week.

The department blamed the rise in new claims on "seasonal employment curtailments in construction and other outdoor activities and in textiles apparel and leather products manufacturing." Thirty-two states reported increases in initial claims during the week. Five of them recorded increases of more than 1000.

Squid, Anchovies In Pre-Xmas Pack

Union fish cannery workers were busy last week with a pre-Christmas pack of squid and anchovies, union offiicials said. Two plants were busy part of the week, Enterprise and Hovden units, it was reported. No work was expected during the holiday week.

BETTER THAN TV!

Moline, Ill.—The social meeting of Machinists Lodge 1215 was pronounced a huge success, "despite the fact we were competing with 2 televised football games."

What's Good for U.S. Helps Unions

Detroit. — Trade unionists and the rest of the American people, too, can sit back and feel pretty good about Sen.-elect Patrick V. McNamara (D., Mich.) being in the United States Senate. Said McNamara at an AFL victory banquet recently:

"I will continue to fight for things organized labor hopes to achieve, for labor does not ask for anything that is not good for all the people."

3000 Youngsters Jam Hall For Labor Christmas Party

Faced with cancellation only a few weeks ago, the annual Salinas Christmas Party for Children was held Dec. 19 and turned out to be the greatest party ever staged by the Salinas AFL unions and union officials as some 3000 youngsters filled every available space in the Salinas High School Auditorium or, failing to get in, were given gifts by Santa Claus outside the hall.

There was a professional vaudeville show to entertain the kiddies, acts including Lula Belle and the trained bears and O'Brien's trained chihuahua dogs.

Music for the occasion was provided by Musicians Union 616 through a grant from the Music Performance Trust Fund, created through efforts of the American Federation of Musicians, J. C. Petrillo, president. Fred Storer, representative of Local 616, personally was responsible for the fine music.

John F. Mattos, business agent of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas, was general chairman for the event, assisted by leaders of various labor unions in the area.

There were gifts of toys, candy, fruit, nuts and other goodies for more than 3000 youngsters and nearly every bag of fruit and toy was handed out at the party, it was reported.

The annual Christmas Party is presented by Salinas AFL organizations and is looked forward to by the youngsters. This year, because of a late start, there was a question if the party could be held but speedy preparations were made and the results have more than paid for the time and effort, committee members said.

Laborers 690 Party Success

Members of Laborers Union 690 of Monterey are still talking about the fine theatre party given by the union at the Grove Theatre in Pacific Grove, Dec. 18.

There was a good show for the members and their children, plus Christmas gifts and special events, all arranged by George E. Jenkins, union secretary. A large crown participated in the party, it was reported.

Carpenters, Laborers To Be Open Friday

Due to a mix-up in reporting, it was stated that offices of Carpenters Union 925 and Laborers Union 272 of Salinas would be closed on Friday, Dec. 31. Harvey B. Baldwin, business agent of the Carpenters Union, said that Local 925 offices will be open all day as usual, until 5 p.m.

The Laborers Union, which is located in the Labor Temple, said its offices will be open as usual also.

This paper regrets any inconvenience which may have been caused through the announcement that the offices would be closed.

Hauck Named to AFL Plasterers' Post

Cleveland (PAI)—John J. Hauck has been appointed to the office of general secretary-treasurer of the AFL Plasterers & Cement Masons by President John J. Rooney.

Hauck succeeds Walter A. Redmond who resigned September 1 due to illness. He served as first vice-president of the International since 1943. While a business agent of Local 529, Philadelphia, Hauck established the first contractual relations between the union and the employers.

THANKS

As chairman of the Christmas Party Committee, I wish to extend my thanks to the following: Dial Miles, Al Clark, Pete Greco, Earl Choate, Carl Jones, Bill Empie, Virgil Knight, Bud Kenyon, Dunc Duncan, Harvey Baldwin, Glen Wilkerson, Burt Reed, Capt. Elmer Anderson, Wililam Garrison, Lillian Johnson, Olga Fenchel, Marty Carbalho, the musicians, the entertainers, and the contributing unions.

Also I want to thank the many ushers, and the people who assisted with the candy, the big tree, the toys, and those who performed the so-many tasks which make a party such as this one possible.

The people who helped in many capacities are too numerous to be mentioned here, but our thanks just the same.

If any person who contributed a major part for the party has not been mentioned here, it is entirely unintentional. No oversight is meant for anyone, because all services were so much appreciated.

Several firms helped to make the party possible, also, and I wish to thank them for helping make the party a grand success.

I would appreciate it as a personal favor if the same help and support is given by everyone to next year's chairman, whomever it may be. And may the party be a continuing success from year to year.

To each and every one who played a part—big or little—in this party, please accept my thanks on behalf of the entire committee. And may we extend every wish to you and yours for a very Happy New Year.

JOHN F. MATTOS,
Chairman, AFL
Christmas Party.

Scott Urges Repeal of "Right to Wreck" Law In North Carolina

Raleigh, N.C. — Sen. Kerr Scott (D., N.C.) said that North Carolina's so-called "right-to-work" law should be repealed.

"I think state labor legislation should, insofar as possible, conform with Federal labor laws," Scott said in commenting on Secretary of Labor James Mitchell's criticism of state legislation which prohibits union security contracts.

The North Carolinian, who was endorsed for governor and Senator by the state Labor's League for Political Education, pointed out that he had recommended repeal of the anti-union law passed by the 1947 legislature.

Mrs. Jenkins Ill

Leslie Jenkins, wife of George E. Jenkins, secretary of Monterey Laborers Union 690, was confined to her home on Wednesday of last week with a throat infection. Friends and co-workers said she expected to be up and about by Christmas.

Your union is as democratic as you make it—take part!



AFL Wins Victory in Battle Over Marine Stewards Bargaining

(State Fed. Release)

AFL maritime forces won a major battle last week in the fight against longshoreman control of cooks' and stewards' sea jurisdiction when the National Labor Relations Board authorized creation of a single bargaining unit embracing sailors, marine firemen, and cooks and stewards.

The five-man national board voted unanimously to grant the bargaining petition of the Pacific District of the AFL Seafarers International Union of North America.

SIU organizations included in the petition were the Sailors Union of the Pacific, Marine Firemen and the Marine Cooks and Stewards, AFL.

The NLRB will now order an election among all unlicensed personnel on Pacific Maritime Association ships to determine the proper bargaining agent.

Gerald Brown, regional director of the NLRB, last Friday said no election date had yet been set. Brown said the election would take as long as 90 days.

The NLRB ruling was a virtual death blow to hopes of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union to take over the sea-going jurisdiction. The ILWU last year chartered a marine cooks and stewards division when the now defunct National Union of Marine Cooks and Stewards collapsed. The ILWU strongly opposed the AFL bargaining request at NLRB hearings held in San Francisco.

ILWU spokesmen attacked the board ruling but did not commit themselves as to participation in the representation election. Waterfront reports indicated the Bridges organization has marked off the cooks and stewards fight as a "lost cause."

The ILWU statement on the board order referred to their division members being "overwhelmed" by AFL sailors and engineroom workers.

AFL officials said that in addition to SUP and Marine Firemen opposition, the ILWU would face majority opposition in the cooks and stewards department.

The NLRB decision brought to a near conclusion the long struggle against reported Communist control of cooks and stewards unionism. The first serious revolt against NUMCS leadership occurred in 1942. In 1950, the NUMCS was expelled from the CIO on charges of Communist Party domination. The AFL soon after chartered the Marine Cooks and Stewards, AFL, as an affiliate of the Seafarers International Union.

In petitioning for "one big union" of unlicensed personnel, AFL spokesmen advised the NLRB that prior to 1937 sailors, marine firemen, and cooks and stewards bargained as a unit in the name of the International Seamen's Union.

When the ISU broke up in 1937, two of the three units left the AFL and all three units threafter bargained separately.

Precedent for the AFL proposal also rests in present west coast tanker agreements where bargaining is done by one maritime unit.

All personnel covered by AFL Seafarers International Union contracts on the east coast area included in one bargaining unit set up for the same three departments.

The CIO National Maritime Union also represents all its unlicensed seamen in east coast contracts.

Under the SIU arrangement, the SUP, Marine Firemen, and Marine Cooks and Stewards, AFL, function as separate, autonomous units.

The AFL cooks and stewards campaign has been heavily backed by the California State Federation of Labor since its inception.

Bakers' Local Starts Insuring 800 Wives

New York City.—Bakers Union Local 1 has begun insuring some 800 wives of its members in the Health Insurance Plan of Greater New York.

This is believed to be the first time that any union has provided benefits for members' wives superior to those enjoyed by the members themselves. The members will continue to get medical and surgical coverage through the union's present health program, which is more limited than the HIP program.

Through HIP, the bakers' wives will receive inclusive medical, surgical and specialist care, plus x-rays, laboratory procedures, ambulance and visiting nurse service and physical therapy, without extra charges.

A small blackboard, fiber bulletin board or metal board with magnetic holders in the kitchen is an ideal place for notes to the family, market reminders and memos about chores or errands to be done.

Movie Slated to Tell Story of Neubergers

Hollywood (Calif.) — The Newbergers, Richard L., elected to the U.S. Senate form Oregon, and his wife, Maurine, reelected to the Oregon legislature—both with all-out labor support—will be the subjects for a motion picture.

Serving as a basis for the film, planned for release to coincide with the 1956 political campaign, is the book, "Adventures in Politics," written by the Senator. Producer is Walter Wanger, who previously dealth with political matters in such movies as "The President Vanishes," "Gabriel Over the White House" and Washington Merry-Go-Round."

The picture won't be a "formal biography" of the Newbergers, but will reflect their political philosophies, Wanger said. He plans to sign one of the films colony's leading married couples to play the co-starring roles.

As seems the Hollywoood custom, present plans call for using a different title than the book, and for naming the leading characters something else besides Newberger. Said Wanger: "The picture will have two objectives, to entertain and to help make the people realize the importance of their vote in our government."

Texas Court in Blow To 'Right to Work' Law

Amarillo, Tex. (ILNS)—So-called "right-to-work" laws cannot supersede federal legislation which permits the union shop, a court here ruled unanimously.

In an outstanding victory for railroad unions, the Texas Civil Court of Appeals for this area killed an injunction against efforts of 17 non-operating labor organizations to negotiate a union shop agreement with the Sante Fe railroad. The lower court had held that a union shop would violate the state law and that the amendment to the Railroad Labor Act enacted by Congress authorizing the union shop on railroads was unconstitutional.

The appeals court said the amendment "supersedes any state legislation in the same field and contrary thereto." The opinion also quoted court precedents to the effect that "it is the fundamental right of man to organize and bargain collectively—a right which exists separately and apart from legislation."

Beeson Won't Accept New Term on NLRB

Albert Beeson, whose appointment to the National Labor Relations Board was confirmed by only three Senate votes earlier this year after it stirred up an angry controversy, announced that he would not accept appointment to a new term. His present term expires December 16. Beeson said he would decline because Mrs. Beeson recently underwent a serious operation.

Accepting Beeson's decision, President Eisenhower praised his "diligent and effective" service on the NLRB.

Beeson's appointment was firmly opposed by labor on the grounds that his experience was solely on the business side of the bargaining table.



"The doc says this rocking motion will help him adjust quickly to driving the bulldozer."

March of Dimes Girl



Just like any other five-year-old, Mary Kosloski, the 1955 March of Dimes Poster Girl, likes to have stories read to her. Here we see Mary perched on the knee of AFL President George Meany as he reads to her from the nursery book "Peter Goes To School." More dimes and dollars are needed to help the many thousands of tots afflicted with polio.

An IAM Gift to the Blind



International Guiding Eyes, Inc., of North Hollywood, Calif., sponsored by the International Association of Machinists, receives a check in the amount of $1,400 from the Lockheed employes' Buck-of-the-Month Club of Burbank, Calif., one of its oldest and largest contributors, as a part of their regular annual contribution of $7,000 to aid in providing scientifically trained Guide Dogs as outright gifts to blind people. The check is presented by Barbara Horn, a member of the Lockheed employees' Buck-of-the-Month Club and District Lodge No. 727 of the International Association of Machinists, and is accepted by the famous Guide Dog, "Lucy," who is typical of the Guide Dogs provided and who is owned by the president and founder of International Guiding Eyes, Inc., Joseph W. Jones, Sr. "Lucy" was sponsored by the delegates to the Kansas City Grand Lodge convention of the IAM and was presented to Jones upon his completion of the regular course of instructions as required by the California state law, which course is provided free by the organization at their school. Those in need of Guide Dogs may contact the secretary of any lodge of the International Association of Machinists or International Guiding Eyes, Inc., P. O. Box 18, N. Hollywood, Calif.

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LABORERS 272

By JOHN F. MATTOS, Secretary and Business Agent

There have been quite a number of calls for union laborers in our area in the past week. Weather has held up well, allowing work to continue, but a slowdown of work over the holidays was expected. Work should improve, however, shortly after the first of the new year if the weather permits construction activity.

A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR to all members of our union and to the members of all other unions, their friends and their families. We also send our greetings for the New Year and our best wishes to all our friends, the contractors, both in our area and outside.

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CONSTRUCTION ITEMS

The estimated cost for the Soledad school is $450,000. The job is to be awarded.

According to the Pacific Builder, Bickmore and Harper from Santa Maria have a job at the San Vicente school.

Tombleson & Huck are progressing very nicely on their various jobs; their regular crews plus a few other of our members are employed.

Gordon Ball has laid off the largest part of their crews on the construction end of the Freeway.

Erickson & Causely, on the Hill Top Subdivision, have started with a small crew employed at this time and will employ more of our members in the near future. A lot depends on the weather from here on out.

Mr. Pat Barcley from San Jose is doing the sewer work on the Erickson-Causely subdivision. They are anxious to get the job underway before the rains get started again. We wish them all the luck they deserve.

Redding, masonry contractor, is laid up. We wish him a very speedy recovery. Also that he may start a lot more of his work. Get rid of that apparatus. (Redding is in traction.)

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DISABILITY INSURANCE

Information to our members and employees employed in the State of California.

Payable under the California Unemployment Insurance Code when you are unemployed because of mental or physical illness or injury. Benefits are payable in one or the other of two ways. They are:

1. From the State Disability Fund, or

2. By an employer's Voluntary Plan when you have chosen disability insurance coverage under that plan.

This insurance applies only to disabilities not caused by your job. The cost to you is one percent of the first $3,000 you earn annually.

Basic Benefit Schedule: $10 to $35 a week, depending upon your prior earnings. Basic benefits are payable for each day beginning with the eighth day of disability, or the first day of hospital confinement, whichever comes first. Maximum amount payable is 26 times the weekly benefit amount.

Your basic benefits are based on the highest amount of wages paid to you in any calendar quarter of your base period.

Basic benefits are payable if you are receiving less than 70 percent of your wages while you are disabled. Benefit payments and wages added together are limited to 70 percent of your weekly wages.

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This week we shall say Happy Birthday to Brother Mural Peace and lots of it. It is all yours.

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The union cannot stress the importance of reporting any injury, regardless of how minor it might seem at the time. The Compensation Insurance is of utmost importance; it is meant for our protection. You protect yourself by reporting any injury to your foreman or your employer. The report does not have to be written. Protect yourself by being safe and knowing that you have done your part to protect any loss of time from said injury.

A MESSAGE FOR YOUR INTERNATIONAL OFFICERS

Greetings! The holiday season is a time for thanksgiving and for a renewal of faith. This is a time of peace and hope for a better year ahead.

At this time the officers and members of the General Executive Board cordially extend greetings and best wishes to the entire membership with the hope that 1955 will be a year of peace and prosperity for all.

All Construction Unions await with great interest what the new congress meeting of January 5th will bring our way in construction and social and economic welfare. The housing problem and school construction will be a major problem with this new congress. The highway construction is another problem we are all interested in.

1955 could be a banner year in the field of construction. We must now wait and see what it will bring. It could be what we have awaited for a long time; time will tell.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all our people.

Fraternally,
JOHN F. MATTOS

Wanted: Seabees

The Navy Dept. announced today new quotas for procurement of construction men in the Seabee Reserve. The men are needed to fill billets in the paid drilling units and also the overall requirements of the Reserve program.

The greatest need is for builders and construction drivers or equipment operators. The quota also makes available many opportunities for non-rated men, or apprentices of the various building trades.

Under the new distinctive rating system which has been established for the Seabees, 7 ratings cover over 60 different civilian construction skills and replace the shipboard ratings formerly given the Seabees. In addition to the new ratings, provision has been made for the orderly advancement of a construction recruit to Chief Petty Officer thence to Warrant Officer rank.

Present procurement policy allows full credit for construction know-how. Navy rates offered are commensurate with civilian skill and experience, whether or not a man has had prior military service.

Age requirements are from 17 to 44, if the applicant is not draft eligible. Older men with military service may be over 50.

Seabee Reserve units, both pay and non-pay are located in the larger communities throughout the Twelfth Naval District which comprises Northern California, Nevada and Utah. Training for pay units consists of 48 paid drills a year and two weeks of active duty training annually with full pay and allowances. Non-pay units meet once or twice a month without pay for technical lectures and discussions. They also offer annual training duty with pay. Members of the Standby Reserve do not engage in training.

Construction men interested should contact the nearest Navy recruiting office or write the Reserve Seabee Program Office, 12th Naval District, San Francisco, Cal.

Ohio Labor Alerted To Fight Against "Right to Wreck" Bill

Columbus, O. — Secretary-Treasurer Phil Hannah of the Ohio State Federation of Labor alerted AFL members in Ohio to be on their guard and ready to work against a right-to-work bill if such a proposal is introduced in the Ohio State Legislature.

"Already enacted in 17 states, it is reasonable to assume that like legislation will be attempted here in Ohio by reactionary groups," Hannah said.



80% of Cal. Union Members Covered By Health Plans

(State Fed. Release)

Four out of every five employees under union contracts in California now have health and welfare benefits included in the terms of their contract, the California Dept. of Industrial Relations announces.

More than a million California workers are presently covered by health and welfare plans negotiated between their unions and their employers.

This is eight times the number at the beginning of 1950, according to surveys made by the Division of Labor Statistics and Research of the California Dept. of Industrial Relations.

Contracts currently on file with the Division which include health and welfare benefits cover 1,072,000 workers, compared with 134,500 at the beginning of 1950.

In the past year, unions representing a large number of workers in the Los Angeles metropolitan area, particularly in construction, have negotiated health and welfare plans with their employers. The proportion of union workers having such in this area, 84 per cent, is still below the 87 per cent figure in the San Francisco-Oakland metropolitan area.

In the remainder of the state, 74 per cent of all workers under union contract are covered by negotiated health and welfare plans.

The Division of Labor Statistics and Research and the Stanford University Medical School are currently conducting a joint survey of labor-management health and welfare plans. M. I. Gershenson, chief of the Division of Labor Statistics and Research, Dept. of Industrial Relations, and Dr. Charles Gardipee, of the Dept. of Preventive Medicine, Stanford University Medical School, are directing the study.

Economic Reality: It Looks Like Rain

Washington. — Many co-ops — and business generally—assume "it ain't gonna rain no more," Dr. Edward G. Nourse says. He believes that is not a realistic assumption.

He says:

"The idea that 'we live in a new day' makes it easy to ignore economic realities."

Partly to blame, he says, is government spokesmen's habit of donning rose-colored glasses when they look at economic conditions.

Norse, former chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisers, says he is "no prophet of 'gloom and doom,' but a hard-headed economist."

Top government and business leaders are planning United States fiscal policy without co-op representation, he said. "Co-ops must assume responsibility for helping set that policy.

CHARLIE WILSON DOES A FLIP FLOP ON DEFENSE BUYING

Washington.—Defense Secretary, Charles E. Wilson appears to have done a flip-flop on the question of where the government should place its defense orders.

A new set of procurement criteria, ordering Army-Navy and Air Force officials to avoid concentrating defense orders in plants of a few suppliers, has been issued over Wilson's signature.

The former General Motors president had once insisted on the "single, efficient producer" concept of letting defense contracts. This had brought him into collision with advocates of the broad-production-base policies laid down by his predecessors.

The conflicting views drew national attention when Wilson moved to single sources for many military items and drew fire from Sen. Henry Jackson (D., Wash.).

Jackson made a national issue of the fact that General Motors showed a $1,704,300,000 net increase in defense contracts during the first 18 months of Wilson's reign while other auto makers showed a net decrease of $395,000,000.

The reason behind Wilson's change of heart was depicted in some quarters as a move to offset a rumored investigation of procurement practices by the Democrats when they take control of Congress next month.

A Defense Department official denied this, however, insisting the two-page directive was nothing more than an attempt to set down in concise form the policies that had been in force since Wilson took office in 1953. He acknowledged that these policies have been somewhat less than clear to the public.

The new directive sets a 30-day deadline for revision of procurement regulations establishing a broad production base.

THE NEW CRITERIA

1—The maintaining of multiple sources of supply.

2—Geographic dispersal.

3—Avoiding of undue concentration of contracts in a few leading suppliers.

4—Preservation of essential skilled labor forces.

5—Utilization of existing open industrial capacity.

6—Preservation of essential management organization and know-how.

7—A maximum degree of subcontracting.

Jackson, reached in California where he is vacationing, said "if Mr. Wilson carries out the intent of this new policy, it will be in line with the constructive criticism I tried to make last fall."

He emphasized that in his previous criticism he had no intention of chiding either Wilson or GM, as such. "My aim was to point out the danger of concentrating defense production in a few plants. Evidently Mr. Wilson now sees that danger."

There is a widely held view among defense authorities that a broad production base is essential to American survival in an atomic war.

Nevertheless, Wilson has made it clear time and time again that he does not agree with this viewpoint. He has held that the broad base policy is wasteful. He once told the Senate Appropriations Committee that:

"If I had been doing it (calling defense shots) for the last three years, I would have built more production and less mobilization base."

The theory behind the broad base is that in the event of atomic attack, the nation's production facilities would not be wiped out in a single raid.

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Still a Chance

Inasmuch as the Eisenhower Administration has reversed itself on so many major issues, there is still hope that it will do an about-face and recommend changes in the Taft-Hartley Act to make it fairer to trade unionists.

The latest switch is that of Secretary of Defense Charles E. Wilson. Some months ago, Wilson emphasized the necessity of concentrating defense orders in a few large companies. That not only hurt the smaller firms but carried with it a risk of having America's defense plants—concentrated in only a few cities—bombed out with relative ease in case of war.

Now, after much criticism and the November elections, the Secretary instructs the armed services to place their orders in a way that will help preserve a "sound mobilization base." This must be done by "maintaining multiple sources of supply," and otherwise spreading out contracts, Wilson says.

This brings to mind the Administration's reversal on a "hard money" policy that ended in higher interest rates, and then turned around and invoked "soft money" and lower interest; and when it built foreign policy around "massive retaliation," and then settled for increased aid for our friends overseas.

So there is still a chance that the Administration will see the error of its ways in the field of labor-management relations and urge, for instance, killing the provision of the Taft-Hartley law that allows states to outlaw the union shop.

Sample of Ike's Belief

President Eisenhower says he believes in "progressive moderation."

The President can quickly show what he means — and prove that he means it—by asking Congress to change the Taft-Hartley Act so that the states cannot pass legislation that restricts trade unions more than Taft-Hartley itself.

He can, for example, urge the Senate and House to kill the sentence in the act which gives states the right to pass so-called "right-to-work" laws that are designed to shackle both employe and employer in their right to bargain free and collectively.

Such requests by Eisenhower would be both progressive in meeting the needs of the people and moderate in attitude toward Government functions.

Public Housing is Profitable

No matter how you look at it, there are profits,. big profits, in public housing.

The value of public housing, the most effective method developed for housing low-income groups unable to pay rent for decent places to live, is no longer a matter of speculation. Public housing will pay big dollar profits to any community which has the wisdom and foresight to clear out the dirty and degrading slums which are a shame and a disgrace to America.

St. Louis is a typical example of the profits to be made from investments in public housing.

Enemies of public housing are quick to point out that public housing pays no taxes. They try to create the impression that, since public housing pays no taxes, the city loses in the amount of property taxes which it would otherwise collect without public housing. The experience of St. Louis offers contrary evidence.

The St. Louis Housing Authority, which manages public housing projects, pays a voluntary service fee in lieu of taxes. This has brought more money into the city treasury than formerly came from these areas in taxes before the slums were cleared away.

To date, the St. Louis Housing Authority has paid the city of St. Louis $479,557. The former slum property would have paid only $361,710 in taxes, probably even less, since some of these slum properties would have been worth less on account of deterioration and would therefore have paid less in taxes.

The St. Louis gain in public housing service fees over slum clearance taxation was a substantial $117,710—a healthy, bumptious return of 32 per cent on its public housing investment.

Who, in the face of these facts, can say that slum clearance does not pay?—The Railway Clerk.

Jokes, Etc.

Teacher: "Johnny, please tell the class where the English channel is."

Johnny: "I'm sorry, teacher. We don't get that channel on our TV set."

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Many a girl who elopes wishes later that she had just let her imagination run away with her.

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The owner of a local plumbing concern demanded a full report from one of his workers on a housewife's complaint that he had used foul and obscene language on the job.

Called to task, Joe gave this explanation:

"Me and Bob was working in basement installing a new shower stall. Bob, sealing an overhead connection, spilled some hot lead down my back.

"'Oh, I'm sorry,' Bob said.

"'You really must be more careful, Bob, was all I said."

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Willie's mother was giving him lessons in brotherly love.

"Even if you fight with Danny," she said, "shake hands and make up before you go to bed. Remember, he might die before morning."

"All right," Willie grumbled, shaking hands. "It's okay if he dies before morning, but if he doesn't he'd better watch out."

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How sweet the girl,
How true, how brave,
Who can kiss her man
When he needs a shave.

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Our major cities have become so congested with cars and trucks there are now only two kinds of parking—illegal and no.

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Lady: "What can I do to have soft, beautiful hands?"

Beauty Specialist: "Nothing, madam—and do it all day long."

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One of the tempering influences in resisting temptation is that it may never come again.

Home Tips ★ ★

You can clean bathroom walls in double-quick time by filling the bathtub with hot water. When the room is steamy, wipe the walls with a clean, dry cloth.

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When the children romp and play just before hopping into bed, you won't have to worry about having their feet soil the clean sheets if they wear sleepers equipped with plastic soles. Just wipe these plastic soles with a soapy cloth or sponge and the dirt vanishes.

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Did you ever think of imitating the Finnish steam baths right in your own home? After taking a real spanking hot sudsy bath, try rubbing your skin vigorously until your whole epidermis turns a rosy glow. A well-lathered loofa sponge or a firm back brush will help. Then, turn on the cold shower and let it rain down fast and sharp.

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Curtains that are sudsed frequently give better service and certainly enhance any room. For easier laundering, tuck them into a pillow case and baste the edges together. When it comes time to rehang the curtains, try rotating them, since different amounts of sunlight come in through different windows.

Also, to get longer wear from your curtains, try turning the panels upside down to prevent exposing the same portion of the fabric to the more intense sunlight that filters through the lower half of the window—usually unprotected by the window shade.

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Here's a good trick for pitting canned sweet cherries: Use a lead pencil, with the eraser removed. Push the metal piece through the top of the cherry. The edge makes a clean cut, and the seed pops out the other end. Try stuffing the pitted cherries with cream cheese for a tasty addition to a fruit salad.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING IS A PRECIOUS, HARD-WON RIGHT!

Working people have only had the legal right to organize into unions during recent years. Collective bargaining with employers is a relatively new activity for workers.

In June, 1935, the Wagner Act (National Labor Relations Act) was passed by the U.S. Congress. In April, 1937, this Act was unexpectedly declared Constitutional by the U. S. Supreme Court — a real boon for workers. The preamble of this important law states, in part . . . **"by encouraging the practice and procedure of collective bargaining and by protecting the exercise by workers of full freedom of association, self-organization and designation of representatives of their own choosing."**

The need for unionization had been expressed very effectively many years before the NLRB became the law of the land. The late Chief Justice Wm. Howard Taft, of the U.S. Supreme Court, in a decision in 1921 defined the need for unions as clearly as it has ever been expressed: "They (Labor Unions) were organized out of the necessity of the situation. A single employee was helpless in dealing with an employer. He was dependent ordinarily on his daily wage for the maintenance of himself and family.

If the employer refused to pay him the wage that he thought fair, he was nevertheless unable to resist arbitrary and unfair treatment. Union was essential to give laborers opportunity to deal on terms of equality with their employer. They united to exert influence upon him and to leave him in a body in order by this inconvenience to induce him to make better terms with them. They were withholding their labor of economic value to make him pay what they thought it was worth. The right to combine for such a lawful purpose has in many years not been denied by any Court."

The Wagner Act assured labor of this right which "has not in many years been denied by any Court" for the first time in our history. When the Act was amended by passage of the Taft-Hartley, serious restrictions were enacted, but the right to organize still remains in effect.

WHAT'S GOOD FOR DEFENSE GOOD FOR GM, EH, CHARLIE?

(By Labor's Daily News Service)

New Orleans.—A need for "great military power" to stem the threat of Communism was emphasized here by Defense Secretary Charles E. Wilson as he called for a defense appropriations increase of nearly $5 billion in the next fiscal year beginning July 1.

Wilson warned the local Chamber of Commerce that "excess funds" carried over from previous appropriations have been used up and more is needed to meet pressing defense requirements.

The proposed increase about equals the amount Wilson chopped from former President Truman's spending estimate in 1953. This was done with widespread publicity to the effect that the Democratic Administration was wasteful and unrealistic in its defense estimates.

ONLY COINCIDENCE

Defense Department officials assert it is only a coincidence that the proposed increase is about the same as the publicized cuts.

Wilson's speech here was further indication that overall defense spending cuts are about at an end.

The Secretary did not disclose where the increase would go but other sources said most of the $5 billion was earmarked for the Air Force.

Wilson said that air power is being emphasized in current defense planning, noting that while "we do not necessarily seek the biggest air force in the world, we do want the best and the most powerful."

Millions for GOP's Defense

Washington — Just before the election the Army announced award of $300 million in defense contracts; other services also made big awards. The administration insisted that this had nothing to do with the election.

One month later the Army revealed its awards for November. For some well explained reasons, no doubt, the total dropped to $85 million.

ELECTED, HAS A BABY

San Diego, Calif. — Mrs. Wanda Sankary, elected to the California Assembly with support of organized labor, is home with a son whose birthday she'll never forget. She waited to hear the election returns, then left early the next day for the hospital. "Mother and baby doing well." So is the father—the Sankarys are law partners.

CANADIAN POULTRY

Canada's poultry flock totalled some 71,695,000 birds at the start of June 1954, a rise of 5,244,000, or 8 per cent, from the June 1953 total.



Death of Mother Had Sobering Effect on Andy

(Continued from last week)

The next fifteen years of Andy's life were the last years his mother lived. He loved his good mother and would listen to her, where he would not pay much attention to anybody else, yet he caused her plenty worry. He was always full of deviltry, which got under the dander of his teachers, but some-



ANDREW HOMME BREDSTEEN

how he managed to survive his escapades without being expelled. We lived at Berkeley the first six of these years, where Andy graduated from the Edison school; at Glendale the next four, at Santa Barbara another four, then his mother moved back to Berkeley in 1933, where Andy's two sisters, Gertrude and Judith were to finish their last two years of college at the University of California, but Andy and his brother remained at Santa Barbara to take care of the interests of the Olympic Press in that section.

Andy's mother died at Berkeley February 23, 1934. Her remains were brought by train to Santa Barbara with me accompanying them. Andy was there to meet us. He was 24 years then, large and powerful. He stood and watched the removal of the coffin by the undertaker. Then he came over to where I was standing. He was weeping. Then he asked me: "Is she happy now?" I answered: "I hope so."

WHAT DID ANDY HAVE IN MIND?

That was all that was said at that time, except that Andy had visited the various cemeteries and had found a grave plot in the Santa Barbara cemetery that he liked the best. I went out later and looked at it and bought it. As I look back upon the ending of that last journey with his mother's remains I cannot help wondering just what was in Andy's mind when he implied she had been unhappy here. Was it the unhappiness he had caused her with his many adventures, especially during the period he had three motor cycles in a row, when he was out continually on all kinds of trips, and his mother lay awake nights till she heard him drive into the back yard and she knew he was safely home once more, after partaking in hill climbs and other events arranged by him and his associates.

Andy had his share of misfortunes and mishaps. Once he was in an intersectional collision where some part of his macihne punctured clear through his hand. It festered and looked so bad that the doctor one day said he would have to take the hand off the next day to keep it from going into gangrene, unless it got better.

That night his mother and a neighbor, who had saved her husband's life, after a bear bite, by using hot lysol water applications, joined hands and spent the whole night putting on these hot applications every fifteen minutes, instead of using the doctor's prescriptions. When the doctor came the next day he said it looked much better and in a few days Andy was out of danger, which saved him from having to go through life with only one hand.

WAS QUITE A JOINER

After he finished his apprenticeship as a printer he became a member of the Typographical Union at Santa Barbara. For several years he served as secretary of the organization. Because he did a great deal of driving during those early years he also became a member of the Teamsters' Union. After he moved to the San Francisco Bay region in 1942 he joined the News Writers and Reporters Union established in this area. At Santa Barbara he had also joined the lodges of the Native Sons and the Eagles. As he became more and more occupied with management of both our printing and newspaper business he took out withdrawal cards from the unions he had joined and centered his lodge activities with the Elks and the Masons. It remained that way to the last day of his life. He was a member of Sequoia Lodge No. 349, of Oakland. He had his home at 40 Wildwood Ave., in Piedmont, where he lived with his wife and four children.

Minimum Pay Hike Helps Wages

San Francisco. — The minimum wage increase from 40 to 75 cents an hour in January 1950 had substantial effects on wages over the nation, according to a report, "Results of the Minimum Wage Increase of 1950," prepared by the U. S. Department of Labor's Wage and Hour and Public Contracts Divisions.

Referring to the study, John R. Dille, the Divisions' regional director for the Western States, revealed that the new minimum brought direct pay increases to 1.3 million workers. He said the data, based chiefly on surveys made two months after the new rate went into effect, show that these pay increases narrowed differences in earnings of workers in lower and higher paying jobs, and contracted wage gaps between the lower and higher paying plants, industries, and areas.

After mid-1950, following United Nations intervention in Korea, the results of the new minimum were generally obscured, he said, but available data show that earnings of poorer paid workers tended to fall behind earnings of better paid workers in the ensuing inflationary period.

Thus it would appear, he pointed out, that the relative advantage which lower wage workers gain from minimum wage legislation may soon be reduced, in times of inflation, by factors favoring the higher paid workers.

Dille said the report proceeds to suggest the value of "periodic review" of the minimum wage, in order to prevent the earnings of lower wage workers from lagging, especially when a sharp inflationary upturn raises pay rates and consumers' prices to a sustained higher level.

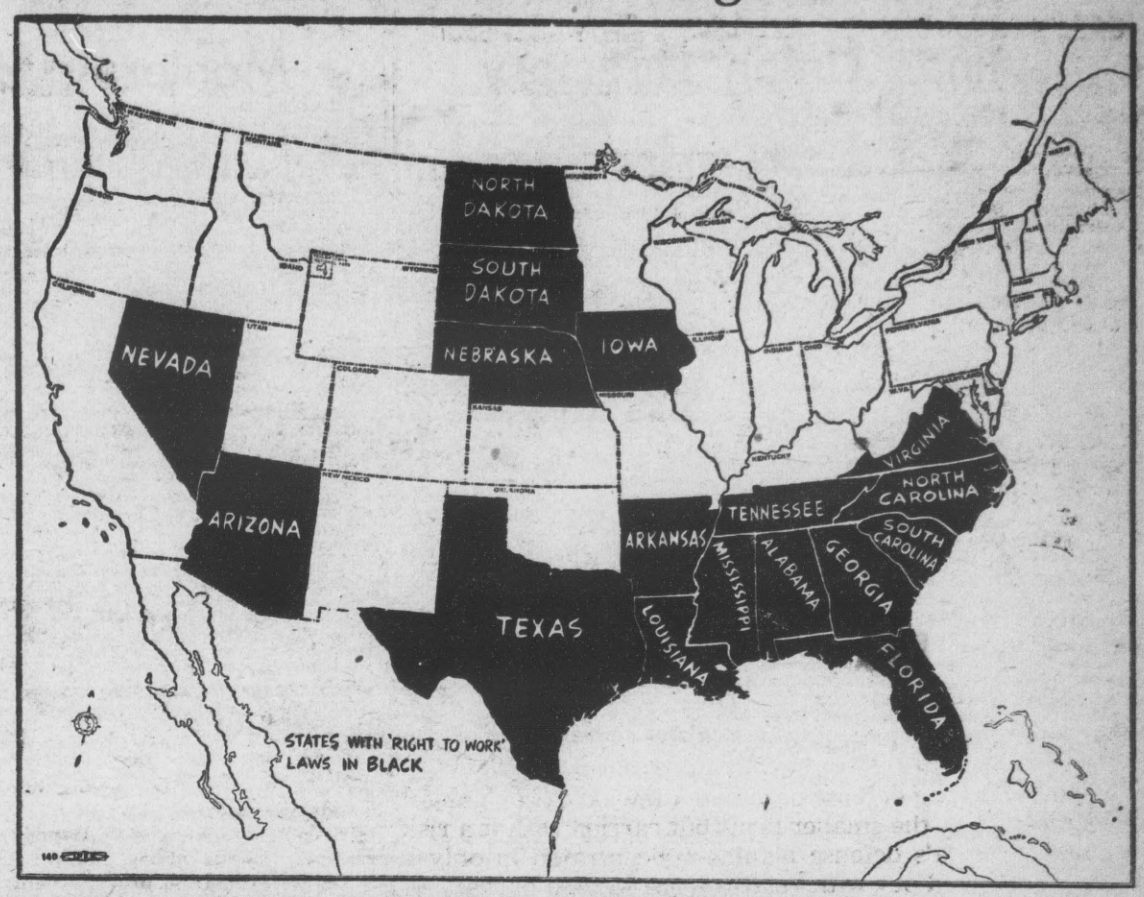
The report is based on studies of selected low-wage industries, complaints of plant shut-downs, and other adjustment problems allegedly due to the 75-cent rate, Dille pointed out. Entitled "Results of the Minimum Wage Increase of 1950: Effects in Selected Industries and Establishments," it may be bought for 60 cents from the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C., he said.

IBEW Wins Election At Edison Industries

West Orange, N.J.—The AFL's International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers won a representation election at the Thomas A. Edison Industries, Inc., here.

The 83-77 victory in the poll conducted by the National Labor Relations Board wrested control of the instrument division from the independent United Electrical, Radio and Machine Works of America which was expelled years ago from the Congress of Industrial Organizations because of Communist domination.

Blackout on Progress



BOILERMAKERS HEAD SAYS ATOMIC AGE NEEDS NEW SKILLS

Detroit. — The Atomic Age fast creeping upon us is demanding more exacting methods and greater skill from craftsmen and AFL Blacksmiths and Boilermakers are being prepared to meet this challenge, their international president said at a meeting of Detroit Boilermakers Local 169 recently.

William A. Calvin, who became president of the Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders, Blacksmiths, Forgers and Helpers last July upon the retirement of Charles J. MacGowan, was the first international president to visit the Detroit local and his appearance drew an overflow crowd to the Labor Temple meeting hall.

Calvin came here to talk about Detroit's pioneering efforts in establishing an apprentice training program, the first in the nation for this trade.

"While we are living in a mechanical age," he said, "we are entering the Atomic Age. We are approaching a milestone in history and we must prepare for an industrial revolution that will call for higher skills. It means we must train our young men better than ever."

Calvin is a member of the AFL's Atomic Energy Committee which opens meetings in Washington Thursday.

While the use of atomic energy will probably change the appearance of boilers and they will probably be called reactors or something else, Calvin said, "basically it will still be a steam generator unit and should come under the jurisdiction of the Boilermakers International Union."

He pointed out that electric energy machinery will still need a certain amount of steam power to operate.

PELZ IS PRAISED

Calvin praised Ted Pelz, business representative of Local 169, for his foresight in setting an advanced mechanics program for apprentices, which includes blue print reading and practical welding processes. He said that Pelz has made frequent trips to the international headquarters in Kansas City, which has resulted in a national program patterned after Detroit's plan.

Detroit also led the way to a health and welfare plan accepted throughout the construction industry. He said final details of the dependents plan are expected to be signed shortly after the first of the year.

Speaking in the language of the boilermakers he learned as boilermaker himself as far back as 1919 when he worked for the Seaboard Air Line Railroad, Calvin told how the international union was asking contractors to charge the helper designation to mechanic, with a certain number of apprentices replacing the helpers.

Pointing to the demand for greater skilled help, Calvin told how recently in some boiler installations in Korea the employer had told him it would be "folly" to send a group of men from this country to do the job because they weren't trained to do the complete job. "All operations in the installation of boilers are part of the trade," Calvin said. "We hope that with this new training program that eventually our skilled mechanics will be able to do a complete job on any assignment."

Boilermakers have proven they were able to shift from the hand tools to air tools, to burning and welding equipment and we'll move on to any change in the industry, Calvin added.

Calling the Boilermakers Union one of the most progressive in the AFL, Calvin said the reputation comes from the fact that "we are keenly interested in the successful, efficient and profitable operation of industry."

He told how the international union recently took over jurisdiction of 518 members working on the Tennessee Valley Authority and in five weeks had everything running smoothly.

At the same time, Calvin pointed out that Canada's future looks bright industrially. The Mackenzie-Yukon project there, he said, will make TVA look small, and that other proposed projects for the next 10 years promise plenty of work for boilermakers.

Recalling the early days when workers rode freight cars to their jobs, with no travel time or subsistence, he told of progress made and predicted a shorter workweek with increased earnings to sustain the nation's economy.

"America can consume 93 per cent of its productivity if we have the buying power," he said, pointing out that while there has been considerable unemployment during the past year the industry has seen a 7½ to 10 cents per hour increase despite the fact that "we have not had the same friendly administration."

He lauded "Michigan's wonderful job in the last election" in removing Homer Ferguson whom he called "one of the bitterest enemies we've ever had.

"Make no mistake," he added, "it was labor who put Patrick V. McNamara in the Senate to give the balance of power to the Democratic Party."

ICFTU Launches World Attack On Forced Labor

(State Fed. Release)

The International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU) has launched a new and important attack against the evils of forced labor wherever it may exist in the world.

The ICFTU executive board, which recently wound up its 12th session in Paris, voted to set up a permanent watchdog committee on forced labor. At the same time it agreed to make an effort to discover the most effective method of achieving a boycott of products produced in countries where forced labor is practiced.

Such action should be well received by AFL members. At the last convention of the AFL in Los Angeles delegates voted to urge that ICFTU affiliates make a maximum effort to secure the enactment of laws which would prohibit the importation of goods produced by forced labor.

In another move on the slave labor question, the ICFTU executive board voted to establish a permanent instrument within the secretariat to gather information and investigate the slave labor problem, as well as to publicize its findings.

The committee on forced labor, with AFL European representative Irving Brown in attendance, met in Paris and examined a report from the general secretary on alleged forced labor in Russia, Red China and Angola.

Several other major decisions were made by the ICFTU executive board. The free trade unions of the Philippines have been admitted to membership and the ICFTU also plans to establish an office in that country. Also accepted as ICFTU members were the anti-Communist unions of Japan. This action had been recommended some time ago by the AFL.

The executive board also: (1) agreed to send a delegation to Morocco in January; (2) voted to hold an African conference in the near future; (3) decided to assist the free unions of Chile in their fight against the Communist unions in that country.

Honor Union Men

Seattle.—"Leader of the Month"—that's the honor accorded Harold Gibson, president of Machinists District 751, by this city's lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose. Citation was for "outstanding advancement in the cause of the laboring man."

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Salinas Union Directory

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Labor Temple at 3:30 p.m. Bus. Agt. and Main Office: Cecil Bradford, 2348 Hedding St., San Jose, phone AXminster 6-7143; office, 84 S. First St. San Jose.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Tuesday at Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8 p.m. Pres. Herbert Ridgway, 224 Abbott St., phone 3470; Rec. Sec., D. L. Hill, 20 W. Gabilan, phone 9085; Fin. Sec.; Jimmie Butler, 418 Monterey Ave., phone 3504.

BRICK MASONS—Meets 2nd Tues., Monterey; 4th Tues., Santa Cruz, 7:30 p.m. Pres. Steve Frank, 103 N. First Salinas; Rec. Sec., A. L. Robertson, 520 Cypress, Pacific Grove, phone 56947; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., R. E. Baxter, 64 Villa, Salinas, phone 25708.

BUILDING & CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st Thursday, 8 p.m., Hoffman St., Monterey; 3rd Thursday, 8 p.m., Caminos Hotel, Salinas. Pres., Geo. E. Jenkins, 3230 Hoffmann Ave., Monterey, phone 2-8456; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Dial H. Miles, office, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 2-2886.

BUTCHERS 506 (Salinas Branch)—Meets 1st Monday, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Exec. Sec., Earl A. Moorhead; Bus. Agt., E. L. Courtright, 1897 Ellen Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 5-3849. Main office, 4 Santa Teresa Ave., San Jose, phone CYpress 3-0252.

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—C. J. Haggerty, Sec.-Treas. and Legislative Representative, 810 David Hewes Bldg., 995 Market St., San Francisco 3; phone SUtter 1-2838. **District Vice President, Thomas A. Small,** office 114 B St., San Mateo, ph. Diamond 4-7609.

CARPENTERS 925 — Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Carpenters Hall. Pres., Virgil Fransen; Fin. Secy. and Bus. Agent, Harvey Baldwin; Rec. Secy., A. O. Miller. Hall and office, 422 N. Main St., phone 9293.

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CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373 — Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, Carpenters Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Mrs. Dorothea Francis; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Carrie Francis; Sec.-Treas., Mrs. Jean Pilliar, 123 Prunedale Road, phone 9902.

CARPENTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL—Meets 2nd Tuesday, alternating between Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Salinas, Monterey King City, 8 p.m. Pres., A. O. Miller, 41 Katherine, Salinas, phone 9293; Vice-Pres., Sam Combs, 440 7th Ave., Santa Cruz phone 1283-M; Secy.-Treas., Leo E. Thiltgen, 12 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone Monterey 2-0335.

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DRY CLEANERS 33—Meets 3rd Thursday at 7:30 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Dempsey McPherson; Sec., Claudia Staten; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler, Office, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets 1st Wednesday; Executive Board 3rd Wednesday 117 Pajaro St., Salinas. Pres., Frank Kopp, 217 Quilla St., phone 2-1151; Rec. Sec., P. M. Lindeman, 246 Dennis St., phone 2-4225.

ENGINEERS (Stationary) 39 — Meets on call, 117 Pajaro, Salinas, 8 p.m. Pres., Matt Tracy; Sec., Frank Brantley; Mgr., C. C. Fitch; Bus. Agt., R. A. Christiansen, Room 457, Porter Bldg., San Jose, phone CYpress 2-6393. Main office, 474 Valencia St., San Francisco, phone UNderhill 1-1135.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS & FISHERMEN'S UNION OF THE PACIFIC, SAN FRANCISCO AND MOSS LANDING BAY AREAS—Sec.-Treas., Geo. Issel; office 257 5th St., Richmond, phone BEacon 5-0852; Asst. Sec., Chas. Snyder. Office phone BEacon 5-0852. Moss Landing phone, Castroville 6613.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 355—Meets 2nd Monday, Women's City Club, 9 a.m., 2:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. Pres. Wm. H. Eakin, 46 Barbara Place, phone 2-4465; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., A. J. Clark; Asst., Bus. Agt., Virgil C. Knight; office, Room 18, Gilkbarg Bldg., 6 W. Gabilan St., phone 6209.

LABORERS 272—Meets 2nd Monday at Salinas Labor Temple, 4th Monday at Soledad Forester Hall. Pres., Carl S. Jones; Sec.-Bus. Agent., John F. Mattos, Labor Temple, 177 Pajaro, phone 2-7077.

LATHERS 122—Meets 3rd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wm. McKrone, Box 514, Freedom; Sec. and B.A., Dean Siefeldt, 1533 First Av., Salinas, phone 5418.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 33 — Meets 3rd Thursday, 5:15 p.m., Labor Temple. Pres., Hazel Skewes; Sec., Grace MacRossie; Bus. Agt., Lola Chantler, 45 Santa Teresa, San Jose, phone CYpress 2-1454.

MECHANICS and MACHINISTS 1824—Meets 1st Tuesday; Executive Board, 1st Monday, Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Wayne Purcell; 22 Harkins Road, phone 2-5159; Fin. Sec., Ed McLean, 262 Noice Dr.; Rec. Sec., C. C. Stover, 537 Green St.; Bus. Agt., Earl Choate. Office, 117 Pajaro, phone 2-0835.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 117 Pajaro St., 7:30 p.m. Pres., Otis Sleeper, 400 Natividad St., phone 2-2907; Rec. Sec., L. Wendelkin, 1130½ Acosta, phone 2-6240; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agent, Peter A. Greco, 417 Lincoln. Office, Labor Temple, phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets 2nd Wed., 4th Thurs., Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Ray T. Jones, 146 Pine, phone 5530; Rec. and B.A., Carl Smith, home phone 2-2565.

PLUMBERS & STEAMFITTERS 503—Meets 2nd Tuesdays, Salinas Moose Hall, 3 p.m. Pres., Gene Baggett; Rec. Sec., Al Bianchini; Fin. Sec., Leo Gray. Office, Labor Temple, phone 2-3517.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046 — Meets 3rd Wednesday, Woman's Civic Club, 8 p.m. Pres., John Ball, 636 Central, phone 2-2961.

PRESSMEN 328 (Monterey Bay Area Printing Pressmen & Assts. Union)—Meets 3rd Monday, 8 p.m., Salinas even months, Monterey odd months; Pres., Mervin E. Tierney, 219 - 4th St., P.G.; Sec.-Treas., Robt. J. Lovejoy, 1366 Alta Vista, Seaside, phone Monterey 2-6901.

RETAIL CLERKS 839—Meets 2nd Wednesday, Women's City Club, 8 p.m. Pres., Lawrence Vestal, 406 Calif. St., phone 3624; Sec. and Bus. Agt., Garold F. Miller, 206 Alisal St., phone 2-3366; office phone 1938.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 2nd Friday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 8 p.m. Pres., Melvin Jones, 241 Margaret St., Salinas; Secy. and B.A., Leslie B. Sellers, 934 Syida Dr., Pacific Grove.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 309—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., Emil Meyer, 22260 Stevens Creek Road, Cupertino, ph. AX 6-4448; Sec.-Bus. Mgr., Floyd Reed, office 1452 N. 4th St., San Jose; Rec. Sec., James Madriago, 430 N. 4th, San Jose, ph. CY 5-6521; Area Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas.

STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611 — Meets 1st Tuesday, Watsonville Labor Temple, 9:30 a.m. Pres., Stanley Falkenberg, 2 Serrano Way, Monterey, phone 2-7758; Rec. Sec., Al Pierce, 717 Sunset Dr., Capitola, phone, Santa Cruz 5629-M; Fin. Sec., Art Jackson, 1123 Kimmel, Salinas, phone 2-0818; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 228 Peyton, Santa Cruz, phone 1216.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616 — Meets 2nd and 4th Monday, Spreckels Fire Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., Joseph Linden, 30 3rd St., phone 2-3078; Sec.-Treas., Robert MacRossie, 59 1st St., phone 3064.

TEACHERS 1020 — Meets 3rd Monday Salinas, 7:30 p.m. Pres., John H. Lewis, 522 Crescent Way, phone 2-5262; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Thelma Fox, 31 Willow, Salinas, phone 2-3682.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND HELPERS 890—Meets 1st Thursday, Salinas Moose Hall, 8 p.m. Pres., John Sullivan, 1084 W. Laurel St.; Sec. and Bus. Mgr., Wm. G. Kenyon; Bus. Agt., Glen Wilkerson; Office, 274 E. Alisal, Salinas, phone 5743.

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FISHERMEN (Seine and Line)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall: Pres., Michael Youlden; Sec.-Treas., Thomas P. Flores, 628 Lilly St.; Bus. Agt., John Crivello, 927 Franklin St. Office and hall, 233 Alvarado St., phone 5-3126.

HOTEL-RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES AND BARTENDERS 483—Meets 1st Weds., 8:30 p.m.; 3rd Weds., 2:30 p.m., 338 Calle Principal. Pres., Louis Gold; Sec.-Treas., Robert S. Harrington, Box 539, P. G., phone 2-4745; office, 338 Calle Principal, phone 5-6734.

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MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES 192—Meets 3rd Friday, 1 p.m. and 4 p.m., Bartenders Hall; Pres., Emmet J. Wood, 230 Bentley Pacific Grovee, phone 5-6569; Sec., Dortis Lake.

MUSICIANS 616—Meets 1st Sunday, 2 p.m., 135 W. Franklin. Pres., Louis B. Walker, 589 Ocean View, Pacific Grove, phone 2-1577; Sec., Don B. Foster, Office, 125 W. Franklin, phone 5-6166; Bus. Agt., Fred Storer, 238 Auburn St., Salinas, phone 2-0579.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey, 8 p.m. Pres., Jack Shannon; Fin. Sec. and Bus. Agt., M. Isackson, office, 320 Hoffman St., phone 5-6744.

PLASTERERS & CEMENT MASONS 337—Meets 1st Friday, 8 p.m., 320 Hoffman St. Pres., Otto Radley; Sec. and Bus. Agt. T. B. Ellis, 739 Noche Buena, Seaside, phone 2-1703; office, 320 Hoffman, phone 5-6744.

PLUMBERS STEAMFITTERS 62 — Meets 4th Fridays, Carpenters Hall, 778 Hawthorne, 8 p.m. Pres., Anthony Alves; Rec. Sec., Paul P. Hazdovak, P.O. Box 11, Carmel, Bus. Agt., Pames Hurl, office 778 Hawthorne St., ph. 2-7580.

POST OFFICE CLERKS 1292—Meets last Thursday of month, Rm. 6, P.O. Bldg., 7:30 p.m. Pres., David "Bud" Dougherty 404 Lighthouse, P. G.; phone 2-5213; Sec and B.A., Dick Miller, 202 Via Del Rey phone 5-6292; mail to Local 1292, Post Office, Monterey.

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SHEET METAL WORKERS 309—Meets 1st Friday, Franco Hotel, Castroville. Pres., Emil Meyer, 22260 Stevens Creek Road, Cupertino, ph. AX 6-4448; Sec.-Bus. Mgr., Floyd Reed, office 1452 N. 4th St., San Jose; Rec. Sec., James Madriago, 430 N. 4th, San Jose, ph. CY 5-6521; Area Bus. Agt., Harry Foster, 341 Sequoia, Salinas.

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TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION 759 — Meets 3rd Friday, Bartenders Hall, 7:30 p.m. Pres., Cecil D. Starnes, 1071 Cass St. ph. 2-6156; Sec., A. B. Rotter, 412 De la Vina, ph. 5-5406.

Win Two-year Pact For 1500 At Kraft Foods

Chicago.—After a month's strike, the AFL Dairy Employees Union, Local 754, won a new two-year contract for 1500 employees of two Kraft Foods Co. plants in Chicago. One of the plants is believed to be the world's largest cheese factory.

The contract provides for a 17-cent hourly wage increase, four-week vacations after 25 years of service, a $45 monthly pension at age 65, disability benefits of $50 a month, and time and a half for Saturday work.

Frank J. Gillespie, local secretary-treasurer, said another provision states that members may refuse to load or unload any truck involved in a strike of any local of the AFL Teamsters Brotherhood.

Another clause provides that if new factories are built in surrounding counties in the local's jurisdiction, the union will be recognized as bargaining agent for any jobs transferred to the new factories from the old factories.

Farm Slump Seen Threat to Cities

A southern Democratic Senator and a Midwest Republican Representative charged that the Eisenhower Administration is producing a "farm depression" that threatens to spread to the cities.

Sen. Olin Johnston (D., S.C.) said in a statement that Government-imposed acreage reductions and the threat of future cuts in the Government support price for cotton are forcing southern growers "into leaving the farms for the cities." He said cotton farmers are "being taken back to the Hoover days."

Rep. Usher Burdick (R., N.D.) said in an interview that cuts in wheat planting allotments coupled with lower support prices for wheat and small grains are "forcing some farmers out of business" in the north central plains.

Both agreed that the Democratic Congress should enact legislation to stop reductions in farm price supports next year or in the future.

"In North Dakota it looks like the beginning of a real first-hand depression," Burdick said. "The merchants already are adversely affected. Many farmers are selling out."

U.S. Organization Manual on Sale

The 1954-55 United States Government Organization Manual, a 742-page reference book of the Federal Government, has been placed on sale by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D.C. The price is $1.

The manual reflects the organization of the Federal Government and includes the names and titles of about 3,500 key officials.

Observe Safety Rules.

72 Killed in Job Accidents in Calif. During October

Seventy-two California workers died in on-the-job accidents recorded in October, according to the State Dept. of Industrial Relations.

Work accidents claimed the lives of 14 logging and sawmill workers. Six of these men were crushed by logs and four were struck by falling trees. Four of the workers crushed by rolling logs were loading or unloading logging trucks when the accident occurred. A logging truck driver died in his overturned truck and trailer when the side of a private logging road gave way. A block setter in a sawmill was standing on a conveyor containing wet sawdust as he used an electric hand drill. He was electrocuted when the drill shorted out. A log loader was fatally injured when a steel loading line broke loose. The shackle on the loose end of the line swung over the truck, striking his head. A pond man drowned when he fell from a log he was riding across the pond.

SIX KILLED BY FALLS

Six California workers died in falls from elevations: (1) A maintenance mechanic was standing on a pallet supported by a fork lift truck while installing a heater in a ceiling. The truck moved and the worker was thrown to the floor. (2) A piledriver operator fell from a tower 80 feet above the deck of a piledriving rig as he was climbing the tower. (3) A painter attempted to move his boatswain's chair around a smokestack with his feet. The chair hooks slipped from the top of the stack and he dropped to the roof 105 feet below. (4) A carpenter foreman became dizzy as he was nailing ceiling joists from a scaffold. He walked off the end of the scaffold. (5) A carpenter fell from the roof of a two-story building, fracturing his skull. (6) A construction foreman fell through an unguarded roof opening while checking an air conditioning unit located near the opening.

Explosions killed three workers. Two powdermen employed in motion picture production died when their powder truck exploded. An inkhouse helper in a paper plant was pumping ink solvent from an underground storage tank into a 55-gallon drum when the drum exploded.

Two railroad employees and a truck driver were killed when the truck was driven into the path of a fast-moving train. The force of the collision tore the truck to pieces, hurling parts into the adjacent railroad station. Both the telegrapher and the station clerk were struck by flying parts of the truck. All three men died instantly.

CARBON TET KILLS TWO

Two tank truck drivers were asphyxiated while using carbon tetrachloride to clean the tank lines at a refinery. The coupling on the hose from the truck to the tank line came loose. As the men were attempting to adjust the coupling, they were overcome by fumes.

A welder and his employer were fatally crushed when the unsupported 35-foot wall of an excavation caved in as they were repairing a leaking valve in an earth-fill dam.

A farm laborer was smothered when a feed stack collapsed on him as he was feeding cattle.

A mucker was riding the bail of a skip up a mine shaft. He raised his head and was decapitated when his head was caught between the edge of the skip and a timber.

A water company worker was seeding a reservoir with bluestone purifier while standing on a home-made raft. He lost his balance, fell into the reservoir, and drowned.

A joiner, working in the lumber yard of a ship repair firm, was crushed by a stack of lumber that was knocked over by a cantilever crane.

Korean printers cast bronze type in sand and printed books at least four decades before John Gutenberg independently invented separate type characters of metal in Germany in the 1430s, the National Georgraphic Society says.

Tips for the Homemaker ★★

Laundry bags can be made from a man's old shirt. Sew up the cuffs and shirt tail. Use one sleeve for hose; the other for handkerchiefs. The middle section will accommodate the rest of the laundry. To remove the soiled clothing, simply unbutton the shirt.

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Locate oil cook stoves or heaters a safe distance from curtains or drapes. Otherwise, there's danger the fabrics will be blown into contact with open flame or heating surfaces.

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Here's a fine way to serve condensed cream of chicken soup: Cook minced bacon, onion and celery together and drain; add the bacon mixture to the diluted soup and heat.

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A good investment for homemakers are those colorfast sisal hemp rugs—dyed in decorator tones, reversible, and practically indestructible. Dust and grime can be washed right out with soap and water. Hall and stair runners made of the same washable hemp stand up under the busiest family traffic.

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Here's a simple way to make holiday chores easier. Instead of struggling with ordinary thread when you sew up the turkey after the stuffing is in place, use dental floss. The nylon won't dry out and break apart in the oven's heat. It's easier to remove, too, once the bird is roasted, because the nylon doesn't break into little pieces when you pull it out.

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Make terry cloth curtains for your bathroom. Use the giant rick-rack to make contrasting stripes. Scallop top edges to hang from rod on rings.

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Cream a half cup of butter or margarine with a teaspoon of sugar and a tablespoon of molasses, making sure that you add the sugar and molasses gradually. Serve over waffles, pancakes or French toast for something good.

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Time to think about making Christmas gifts. Why not design spectacle cases of felt, yarn embroidery and sequins. Embroidered "eyes" are fun to do.

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Bread and Butter Facts

Smear Campaign Launched Against Old-Age Insurance

By LANE KIRKLAND

A new smear campaign, designed to destroy the confidence of the public in the Federal Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance system, is now in the works. The tip-off is contained in the report and recommendations of a committee of the National Association of Life Underwriters, published in a recent issue of its trade journal, The National Underwriter. The report also gives an interesting account of how a high-pressure lobby operates in its efforts to kill legislation that it deems detrimental to the fast buck.

OMINOUS CHALLENGE

One gathers from this account that the wage earners' meat is the insurance ring's poison. Throughout the report there runs a note of shock, chagrin and distress of spirit that the 83rd Congress took it upon itself to defy the private insurance industry by enacting a modest increase in Social Security benefits. This increase is described as "an ominous challenge to life insurance, our own welfare, and the best interests of our policyholders in the long run."

The underwriters' committee invokes, for this outrage, a plague upon the houses of Democrats and Republicans alike—they just can't hardly trust anybody any more. Doom is spied in the offing unless the faithful rally 'round: "The unwholesomeness and unrealistic situation presented by the attitude of both major political parties toward Social Security cannot go unchallenged and must be met with greater firmness in the future to prevent a gradual smothering of our business . . ."

To demonstrate the extent of this smothering process, the committee indignantly submits the fact that private life insurance in force increased only 179 per cent in the last 15 years. To the layman this may seem a long time a-smothering, but those who cannot see the peril in this statistic simply underestimate the cupidity of the insurance lobby. To meet this menace, the report calls for the abandonment of what it describes as its past policy of containment, in favor of a policy of massive retaliation. Co-existence, it seems, will no longer be tolerated.

OPERATION "CONTAINMENT"

Here, in the committee's own words, is how this "containment" operation was conducted by the insurance lobby during the last Congress: ". . . on the first day of the year, we sent a bulletin to all state and local presidents, national committeemen and executive secretaries, outlining NALU's position . . . and asking them to see that our views were brought to the attention of their Congressmen . . .

"We prepared a statement which was presented before the House Ways and Means Committee . . This statement was subsequently sent to all our state and local association presidents with the request that they urge their members to contact their Congressmen. . . . This request was followed by a great deal of activity at the state and local levels, and many of our members telephoned, wired and wrote to their Congressmen and, in a great number of instances, contacted them in person, both in Washington and back home . . . We look on these efforts as the start rather than the conclusion of a campaign to protect our own business and to protect the people from the cruel disappointment invited by reliance on a tax-benefit system that has yet to prove its ultimate worth in this or any other country."

This is a good example of the sort of thing that the supporters of Social Security must contend with. The underwriters' committee report blames the failure of the insurance lobby's efforts in this case upon deficiencies in the "education" of the public at large—a defect that it now proposes to remedy by a program of "continuing public education" through the use of its "grass roots organization." This program calls for action along the following lines:

1. The inclusion by life insurance companies of anti-Social Security propaganda in their "sales material" and, through their training activities, the schooling of their agents in the dissemination of such propaganda.

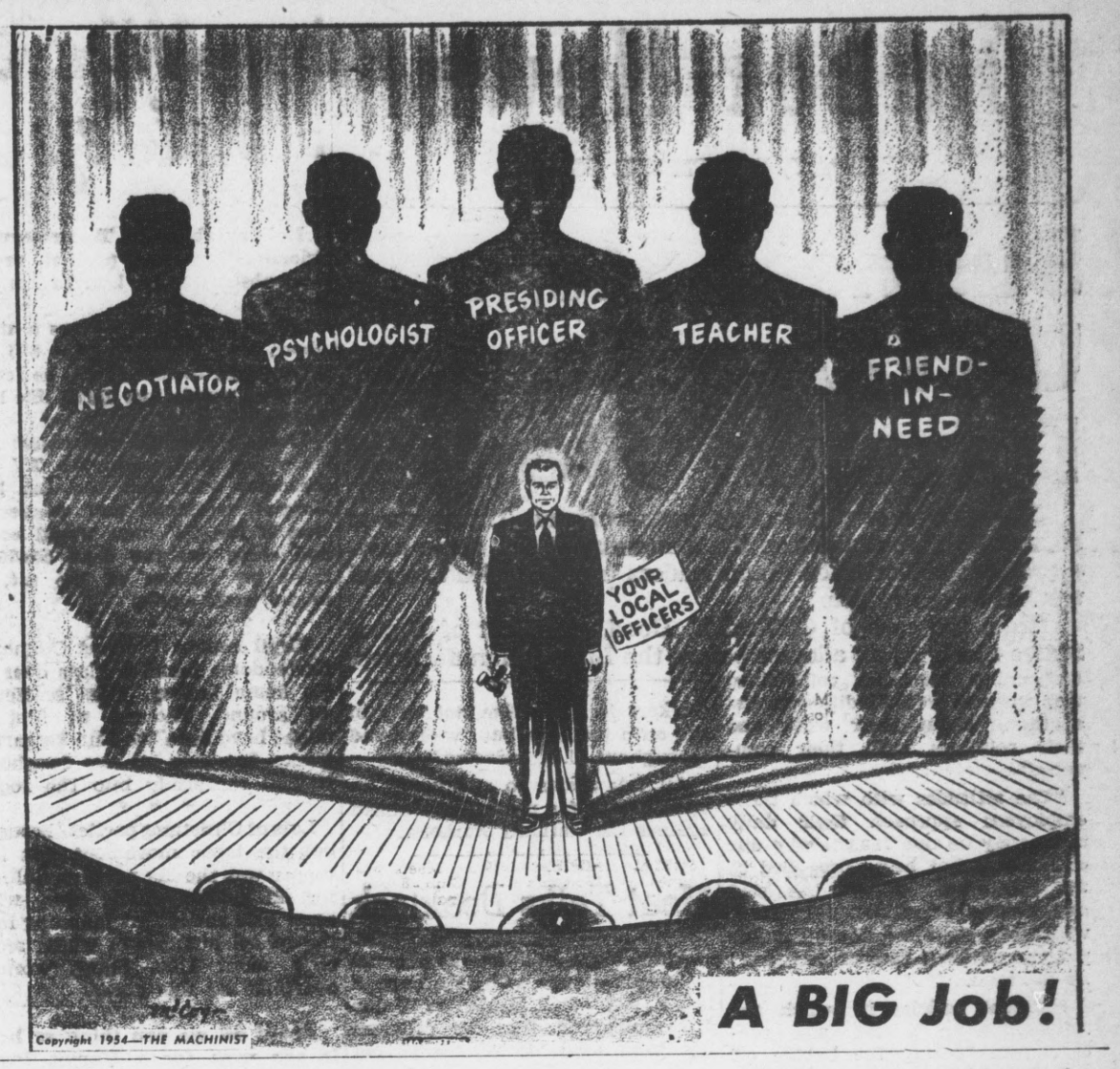
ATTACK CONFIDENCE

2. An attack upon the public's confidence in the security of Social Security, by describing it as "uncertain" and likely to be scuttled by future Congresses, owing to the "financial limitations of an already over-taxed economy." (The underwriters neglect, however, to explain how—if the people cannot stand the modest burden of payroll taxes required to support Social Security on a self-sustaining basis—they can possibly bear the much higher cost of providing equivalent benefits and protection by means of private life insurance policies.)

3. An effort to persuade the public that Old-Age and Survivors' Insurance is, in some way, grossly inferior to commercial insurance and that it is not really "insurance" at all. This is to be backed up by a campaign to purge 'the word 'insurance' from all printed material referring to the Social Security program" and to secure the removal of all "insurance terminology from the Social Security Act and from all literature of the Social Security Administration."

In promoting this word-purging enterprise, the insurance lobby is going considerably further than most of the other special interest lobbies operating in Washington are prepared to go. In its propaganda against TVA, for example, the private power lobby has never ventured so far as to suggest that the stuff that comes out of the TVA's generators is not really "power," but some inferior product. Quite the contrary—the whole basis of its opposition lies in the fact that TVA does produce power.

All of which suggests the conclusion that what the insurance lobby actually fears is not that Social Security "isn't insurance," but the fact that it really is insurance—and far better insurance for the money than any private underwriter can possibly offer.



Labor Fights to Stop "Right to Wreck" Law in Maryland

Baltimore.—The united forces of organized labor opened an all-out drive to block passage in the 1955 Maryland legislature of a phony "right-to-work" law.

Led by the Baltimore Federation of Labor and the Maryland-District of Columbia State Federation of Labor, the unions won an important ally when Speaker John C. Luber of the Maryland House of Delegates telegraphed his pledge to oppose the proposed union-wrecking bill.

The pledge was read at a mass meeting attended by more than 400 AFL-CIO and railroad unionists and many members of the State Legislature who were invited guests. The speaker was Father William J. Kelley of Catholic University who charged that "right-to-work laws take away from man necessary means to achieve and protect his God-given right of association."

MOBILE RADIATION LAB

A mobile radiological laboratory that can track down dangerous radioactivity in cases of a war-caused disaster where atomic weapons are used has been assigned to Santa Barbara College of the University of California by the State Office of Civil Defense.

Making Ends Meet

Eggs, Broilers 'Good Buys' For Holiday Change of Pace

By NANCY PRATT

Eggs and broilers continue to rate top honors in the "good buy" class this holiday season. With eggs, the larger sizes are probably your best value now that most of the pullets have graduated into the hen class.

For a change of pace from heavy holiday meals you may want to serve fish. Supplies of both fresh and frozen fillets are in good supply and prices are reasonable.

For the holiday fruit bowl, there are plenty of oranges and tangerines in the markets, and grapefruit prices should be more reasonable than last year.

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TRICKS WITH EGGS

It's best to take eggs out of the refrigerator about an hour before you are going to use them if you want to separate them for baking. A high quality egg separates into white and yolk best at a medium temperature—about 50 or 60 degrees. If kept at higher temperatures for too long, the egg yolk will tend to flatten out and may break in separating.

Egg whites whip best at a temperature of from 65 to 75 degrees.

Use a clean glass bowl and be sure to keep the mixture away from grease. Grease retards the whipping. A pinch of salt will help the egg whites to combine better. Another idea if you have trouble getting them stiff is to whip in front of a window or fan where there's good air circulation.

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CARE WITH CARS

Here are some tips to help keep your car running in cold weather. Keep the battery charged and don't add water to it in below-freezing weather unless you plan to drive it awhile. If the water isn't given time to mix freely with the battery acid, it may freeze.

It's good practice to keep your gas tank full if you have to leave your car out at night in very cold weather. A common source of stalling is caused by the moisture in the air condensing with the vapor in the tank and freezing. The less air in the tank, the less chance of its freezing.

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COOKING HINT

To avoid a lot of mess when crushing crackers or hard bread into crumbs for stuffing or other cooking uses, put them in a clean bag and roll a glass lengthwise over the bag as you would a rolling pin.

TURKEY STRETCHER

One idea with turkey is to use the turkey livers separately, broiling them with bacon.

Cut livers into slices about one-third inch thick and wrap with a slice of bacon. Place the slices of liver on broiler about three and one-half inches from heat and broil on each side three to four minutes.

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UNION LABEL

The union label is the signature of men who are proud to advertise the work they produce. When you buy, we sure the product is signed with the union label.

Jobless Claims Rise With 'Seasonal' Layoffs

Washington (ILNS)—New unemployment compensation claims rose to 285,700 during the week ended November 20, an increase of 41,600 over the previous week, the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security reported.

"Seasonal" layoffs in the construction, lumbering, food processing and clothing industries helped push claims higher, it said. Largest increases were reported in New York, Pennsylvania, and California.

Workers claiming jobless payments rose by 100,000 in the week ended November 13 to a total of 1,489,500. That was 382,900 higher than the 1953 week. State compensation payments during October, the agency said, totaled $135,298,500 and the average weekly benefit was $25.72.

Celebration Opens New Teamster Building in Toledo

Toledo (PAI)—Top officials of the AFL Teamsters, together with other AFL and CIO leaders, joined to celebrate the opening of the new $250,000 building of Teamsters Joint Council 44 here.

The new two-story building has two meeting halls, Beck Auditorium and Hoffa Auditorium. On hand for the celebration were Teamster President Dave Beck and James C. Hoffa, president of the Central State Council of Teamsters, as well as John F. English, Teamsters' secretary-treasurer.

On the wall of Beck Auditorium are three paintings, insured for $100,000, on loan from the Toledo Art Museum.

Celebration activities got under way with a 50-car motorcade from the airport, with police escort. Among those who attended was Max Greenberg, president of the CIO Retail and Wholesale Union.

"Gird for 1956 Elections Now," Rose Tells Labor

New York City.—President Alex Rose of the Hat Workers, writing in The Hat Worker, the union's official newspaper, said that trade unionists should start girding now for the 1956 elections.

"With the experience of last month's election behind us, let's look ahead," wrote Rose.

"The nation was amazed at the closeness of this year's races for office. In New York, New Jersey, Oregon, and several other states a few thousand—sometimes only a few hundred votes—one way or the other would have changed the entire complexion of our political body. In Congressional districts the race was even closer than for governorships or Senate office. The division between the two contending philosophies of government was therefore razor-thin and sharp.

"I feel that in 1956 this division will continue to be extremely close. It behooves us now to prepare for this eventuality. Labor and the progressive forces of the nation will have even more at stake in 1956 than they did this year. The contests will be even more bitter and hotly fought. Every vote will be needed. Every bit of strength we can mobilize and activate will be required.

"I hold that it is the duty of every officer and member of the trade union movement to do his bit for labor on the political field.

"In the national elections two years from now we shall have to be even more active, more devoted, more energetic than we were in the gruelling campaign we have just concluded with victory.

"Throughout the entire nation it will be the duty and task of every trade unionist to do his full share politically as he does on the economic front. The division again will be extremely close and sharp. The campaign two years from now will be infinitely more hectic and difficult than this year's."

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Labor News

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1954

Business Steps Up Huge Slander Drive on Worker

If you're an employer, fight your workers. This seems to be a growing sentiment on the management side these days, a problem which trade union leaders expect to lead to real trouble in the future.

Take the case of Clifford F. Hood, president of United States Steel. In an address before the Illinois Manufacturers Association here, he complained that workers were "indifferent and apathetic about their work and their relations with their company."

"The attitudes with which these employees approach their daily tasks may be one reason why our economy is not being propelled to the full extent toward the kind and degree of economic freedom which can sustain and even multiply our national rate of progress," he declared.

National policies in which the Administration sought and succeeded in "taking the bubble off the boom" had far less to do with lessening our "national rate of progress," according to the United States Steel head, than did the "indifferent" and "apathetic" workers.

IN DETROIT, TOO

Out in Detroit, the Wall Street Journal claims, the smaller auto companies, hard hit by skidding sales, are also in this "blame it on the worker" campaign.

These companies are out to cut production costs, says the Journal, and their "heaviest emphasis is on raising each worker's daily output through new methods, new machines—or just cracking down on loafing on the job. The motor men have little trouble turning up plenty of the latter-type targets.

The Journal provides some "horror stories" for its readers: a woman worker frying eggs on company time; an auto worker repairing a friend's radio with parts from the assembly line; and a worker peacefully asleep in the back seat of a new car as it moved along the assembly line.

Some companies feel they can meet the "problem" by placing restrictions on seniority. They want to limit "bumping" to the department the man works in or related departments, for example.

The Wall Street Journal claims to feel that this attitude among workers is a problem not only in the auto industry but "widespread throughout U. S. industry."

All this seems to add up to an open season for propaganda aimed against the nation's workers.

Meat Talks Deaklock

San Jose.

After eight and one-half hours of negotiations with scarcely a break last week, Butchers Union 506 announced that no progress has been made in efforts to get wage increases and improved conditions for the wholesale meat industry.

Earl A. Moorhead, executive secretary of Local 506, said the wholesale plant workers actually are offered less after the negotiations than the offer which they rejected overwhelmingly in a vote two weeks ago. Employer representatives also have refused to arbitrate the union's request for gains equal to those won recently in the San Francisco area.

Federal Conciliator Charles M. Rehmus has been asked to assist the union in the negotiations, it was announced.

Teamos 287 Name BA

San Jose.

C. A. ("Cy") Spottswood, former recording secretary of General Teamsters Union 287, was elected as a business agent and organizer at special union elections last week.

Union officials pointed out that the special election was for this one position only. Regular election of officers is not until next year.

Named by the union to succeed Spottswood as recording secretary is Ray McLaughlin.

The union also has a new vice president, James Powers.

Attend Union Meetings.



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Holiday thought: To preserve a friend: Honor him present, praise him absent, assist him in his necessities.

Of course there's always a story about the man who spent $25 for chlorophyll tablets before he found out that people just didn't like him anyway!

But we like the one about the little boy who called the TV repairman, told him the set had stopped working, and suggested that if the TV man would come and clean out the dead cowboys from the bottom of the set, it might work again.

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Virgil Knight (Salinas Culinary-Bartenders) found a glass door in his home broken, glass scattered all around. Thought at first it might have been the Eureka earthquake, but then his two daughters walked sheepishly into the room.

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Lots of Christmas parties throughout the labor movement, but the topper was the big party in Salinas for all kiddies of the area—with some 3000 youngsters jamming into the school auditorium which seats only about 1700. Santa worked overtime for this party.

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About all we can think of here is our wish for a Happy, Prosperous New Year for everyone of our readers, our friends, and all people in labor. And our thanks for all those good wishes we have received in the past few weeks.

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Found something in the TEAMSTERS MAGAZINE which was very interesting, a poem printed first in 1904 and which still is timely. With due credit to the TEAMSTERS MAGAZINE and staff, here it is:

Don't Forget Your Meeting Night

Attend to your meetings, boys,
It is the proper thing to do.
You will always find something there
Of interest to you.
Don't stay away and then just kick like a mule,
For if you don't know what's going on
You will feel just like a fool. Come up.

You all know well there is no use
Paying rent for an empty hall.
So come up to your meetings, boys,
You are welcome one and all—
And if you have a grievance
It's the proper place to go,
For your union it will help you
To get a fair show. Get there.

When election day comes around
Just pick out your best men
Who will look out for your interest
And do not give a hang.
Then you can say, I have done what's right,
And glad that I was there, to see that
We elected a good man in each chair. Are you coming?

So if you will attend your meetings, boys,
We will build up, great and grand,
One of the finest unions there is in this great land,
And show the whole world over
That the Teamster is good and true.
So don't forget your meeting night.
I can't. Can you?

(Teamsters Magazine)

S. Jose Council Elects

San Jose.

Annual election of officers of the Santa Clara County Central Labor Council was completed last Friday night with the selection of the 10-member executive board. Other officers had been elected without opposition.

Elected to the executive board were: Anthony Agrillo (Barbers), Louis Bosco (Culinary), Lola Chantler (Laundry Workers), R. A. Christiansen (Engineers), R. L. Delaplaine (Machinists), Julian Gutierrez (Janitors), Carl Haas (Firemen), James P. McLoughlin (Clerks), Victor J. Lazzaro (Clerks), and Jeanette Zoccoli (Office Wkrs.).

Plan Crack-down on Fly-by-Nights

Vallejo.

The average would-be home-owner prefers—and wisely—to entrust construction of the house in which he plans to spend years of his life to a reputable contractor. He does this because he knows that, by and large, his house will be better constructed and will be more marketable, if and when he chooses to sell it.

A minority of home-owners prefer to build their houses themselves. And though trade union officials—particularly those of building trades union—may think this an unwise policy, no union has ever had an official word to say against it.

But organized labor — and not only the construction trades—objects very strongly to the enterprising Joe McGee who, minus a contractor's license, the know-how of building or any scruples as regards the employment of union building trades craftsmen, sets up in business as a "contractor"; that is, builds residential houses and then sells them for profit.

Two other important groups dislike this kind of fly-by-night builder: authentic contractors, and the long-suffering authorities who are responsible for enforcing the building codes. For it does not need to be proved that this type of McGee always builds a faulty and sometimes a dangerous house.

The San Mateo Council has joined "contractors, sub-contractors' associations and building inspectors in our county" in asking amendment of the "Business and Professions Code as it relates to the State Contractors' Law." In brief, the group is asking that the McGees be prohibited from engaging in such enterprises if . . . "In any action brought under this chapter, proof of the construction of two or more structures on separate occasions by an owner-builder and the sale or offering for sale of each such structure respectively is presumptive evidence that the construction of one or more of such structures was undertaken for the purpose of sale."

This means, translated out of Legalese, that such an owner-builder can be restrained if it can be proved beyond reasonable doubt that he is building to sell and not to dwell.

Assemblyman Richard Dolwig, the liberal Republican from San Mateo County, has undertaken to introduce this amendment in the form of an Assembly bill next session.

Ten Tips to Local Officers

1. A member is the most important person in the union.
2. A member is not dependent on us—the union is dependent on him.
3. A member does not interrupt your work—he is the purpose of the union.
4. A member protects the union when he calls—we are not doing him a favor by serving him.
5. A member is part of the union —not an outsider.
6. A member is not a cold statistic—he is a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like the leaders.
7. A member is not someone to argue with or to match wits with.
8. A member is a person who brings us a grievance—it is the job of the leaders to correct the grievance.
9. A member is deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment a leader can give him.
10. A member is the lifeblood of the union—without him there is no union.

Aid Nevada Labor

Stockton.

In accordance with a communication from the Nevada State Federation of Labor and in view of the restrictions of the council's by-laws relative to donations by the council, delegates at the last meeting of the Central Labor Counci of San Joaquin County, held Monday, Dec. 20, "passed the hat" (a particularly large one selected by vice president pro-tem Bill Norris) and made a very material contribution to the Nevada labor movement to further its fight against the so-called "right-to-work bill."

Efforts to repeal the vicious anti-labor legislation during a recent vote in Nevada were unsuccessful by a small margin, the State Federation of Labor of that state pointed out. Another campaign has been launched in Nevada to defeat the efforts of non-unionists, which it was claimed are seeking to destroy labor unions in that state.

Stockton Election

Stockton.

An election of officers of the Central Labor Council of San Joaquin County, held on Monday, Dec. 20, resulted in the following being named to serve the council in an official capacity for the forthcoming term.

President—Harry Werner.
Vice President—Emmet Hughes.
Secty.-Bus.-Rep.—Henry Hansen.
Trustees—Henry Castle, George Mullins and Arthur Sheridan.
Sgt.-at-Arms—Carlos Shaefer.
Executive Board — Tom Mohan, George Moffatt, "Skip" Harris, Clifford Geddes, Ed Doran, Harold Marshall and Joe Lacey.

Mourn Syd Self

Ventura.

Funeral services were held last week in Ventura for Sydnor J Self, better known to many Union friends as Syd Self, a member of Carpenters Local 2463, Ventura, for 25 years, and financial secretary of Ventura District Council of Carpenters since its organization in 1938, until two weeks ago.

Bro. Self, one of the most loyal and active members of the Carpenters Union, will be widely missed. He had been ill for the past two and a half month, and two weeks ago resigned as secretary of the District Council. Samuel Heil was appointed to the post.

Marin Medic Says He Will Accept Fees Set by Welfare Plans

San Rafael.

Officials of the Marin Central Labor Council and Building Trades Council have had some discussions with Dr. John D. Walsh, M.D., of Mill Valley, whose offices are located at Tiburon Highway & Blackfield Drive.

Dr. Walsh has informed them that his office will treat AFL union members or their families at fees within the benefit scales provided in the union health and welfare plans.

Building Holds Up

San Rafael.

Apart from weather interruptions, work for members of the building trades crafts in Marin County is holding up at as high a level as has been experienced for several years, and far better than last year at this time.

That's the shape of things as it appears in a consensus of the various business agents and Building Trades Council Pres. George Scott.

Contributing to this generally favorable situation are a number of factors: the San Rafael-Richmond bridge; the Waldo road widening and tunnel job; two guided missile installations being built at unspecified sites in the county, and a number of fair-sized commercial jobs such as the remodeling of the new Woolworth store in San Rafael.

BOOST CULTURE

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Culture got a big boost from organized labor when the Footlighters, a drama group, bought an old theater, then ran short of funds. Building tradesmen, including 3 oldtimers each in their seventies, donated their services to rebuild the place; their bosses contributed equipment.